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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/724,656 for "Solvent Based,  
Elastomeric Coatings with Lower VOC"  
Inventor(s): David J. St. Clair  
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Dear Sir:

Please find the following enclosed documents:

1. Response to Office Action Mailed November 24, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit KRATON Polymers U.S. LLC Deposit Account No. 50-1951 for the fees necessitated with the filing of this correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sirs:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 24, 2004**

In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 24, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of the response and reconsideration of the claims pending in this application for the reasons set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.**